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BOOK REVIEWS

VENEREAL DISEASES. By Ambrose King and Claude Nicol. Third Edition. (Pp. 384, figures 180. £7.50). London: Baillière Tindall. 1975.

THIS attractively presented book which was written for both undergraduate and postgraduate students, is also suitable as a reference book for the general physician. It can be strongly recommended for anyone interested in the study of sexually transmitted infections.

There is not sufficient difference between the second and third editions to justify a further outlay for anyone who already possesses the second edition.

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CLINICS IN HAEMATOLOGY. Volume 4. No. 1. February 1975. Haemolytic Anaemias. Edited by T. A. J. Pranker and A. J. Bellingham. (Pp. 260. Figs 36. 3 times yearly—£12.00). London and Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders. 1975.

THIS is the latest of a very well known and respected series which presents up-to-date accounts of selected subjects in haematology and the topic of this issue is the haemolytic anaemias. A varied and cosmopolitan flavour is given to the book as the contributors of its fourteen chapters represent seven different countries. Nevertheless, the presentation of the subject is orderly. The initial chapters deal with advances in knowledge of the physiochemical structure of the red cell, its metabolism and a discussion of red cell antigens and their interaction with antibodies. Following this review of basic matters the clinical states resulting from red cell enzyme deficiencies, hereditary spherocytosis, immune and drug-induced haemolytic anaemias are discussed. There are also chapters on paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria and an especially interesting one on the role of the spleen in haemolytic disorders.

This book is for the specialist in haematology who will find it a valuable review of recently gained knowledge on haemolytic anaemias.

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